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Pathways Outreach Peer Mentor Volunteer

Role Overview

Thank you for considering being a Peer Mentor with Pathways. Below, we tell you a bit more about the role and what you can expect from being a Peer Mentor with Pathways.

Our Peer Mentor Outreach service provides opportunities for people within Medway who have lived experience of accessing treatment services such as Forward Trust (or similar related services) and who would like to offer support through being a Peer Mentor to people who misuse drugs and alcohol and who experience severe and multiple disadvantages.

The project looks to engage peer mentors and volunteers with clients within harm reduction services to proactively support them with their treatment alongside other professionals.

The role is funded through Medway Public Health.

Our Outreach Peer Mentors will support clients to engage with treatment services through supporting access to these services in a variety of ways, through taking people to appointments, sharing their own experiences, making referrals into treatment services and proactively encouraging clients to access harm reduction interventions and treatment services.

The clients that you will be working with will either be experiencing rough sleeping or are at risk of experiencing rough sleeping.

A mandatory training course will be provided, which will cover all aspects of Peer Mentoring, including covering boundaries, safeguarding, confidentiality and personal safety. This course will be undertaken in partnership with the NHS peer mentor training scheme. Ongoing supervision and support will be provided throughout the whole process by the Pathways Peer Outreach Coordinator.

The peer-to-peer consultations will be developed to look at 3 main topics:

* Harm Reduction
* The cycle trap of initialisation of non-engagement in treatment services
* Sustained solutions

The long-term legacy aim of the project is for there to be a sustained peer-led charity in Medway that can continue to support clients to engage with treatment services in a safe and proactive way.

**A Pathways Outreach Peer Mentor Volunteer will**:

* Have lived experience of accessing treatment services (or related services) such as Forward Trust.
* Be 18 years old or over.
* Will have successfully been out of primary substance misuse treatment services for at least 6 months.
* Be committed to supporting people into treatment services who misuse drugs and/or alcohol and who experience severe and multiple disadvantages.
* Be willing to support clients in accessing Harm Reduction services and information.
* Be prepared to undertake a mandatory peer mentor training course.
* Be prepared to undertake outreach both within Supported Accommodation and in a street-based setting.
* Complete paperwork as directed by the Peer Outreach Coordinator.
* Commit to this role for a minimum of 6 months.
* Be available for at least 1-5 hours a week.

**What can you expect from Pathways?**

* To have regular supervision with the Peer Outreach Coordinator.
* To have all expenses paid.
* To have access to and attend a Peer Mentor Training Course.
* To be trained in Harm Reduction techniques.
* To meet with and be trained by other agencies.
* To have support throughout your time with us.

**Would you like to apply?**

 Please complete the form below and email it to samantha.gibbs@socialinterestgroup.org.uk

or send by post to

**Samantha Gibbs
25 Victoria Street
Rochester
Kent ME1 1XJ**

Alternatively, you can complete the form over the phone by calling Samantha on 07808 321750.

Regular recruitment rounds will be held throughout the project.

If your application is successful, you will be invited to an informal interview to discuss the above opportunity, which will ultimately decide if you have been selected to be an Outreach Peer Mentor Volunteer.

Thank you for showing an interest in being an Outreach Peer Mentor.

Outreach Peer Mentor Volunteer Referral Form

If you would like to apply to be an Outreach Peer Mentor Volunteer, please fill in the following information. Alternatively, you can complete this over the phone by calling Samantha on 07808 321750:

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Address:

Please explain why you are motivated to become an Outreach Peer Mentor Volunteer.

**What skills do you have that may be useful for this role?**

Have you accessed drug treatment or related services before? **Yes/No** (please delete or circle as appropriate)

**CRIMINAL RECORDS**

Have you been convicted of any offence, other than those registered as ‘spent’ under the

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974: **Yes/No**. If yes, please detail below:

#### **Please provide the name, address and email contact details of at least one referee, this can be someone**

#### **you have worked for or a character witness.** Please ensure that one of them is a support worker if you

#### are currently supported by an agency:

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| **DECLARATION**To the best of my knowledge, the information I have supplied on this form is correct.I authorise Pathways to Independence to make the necessary reference checks. I understand the information in this application is, as far as I know, true and complete. I understand that any information relating to this application will be placed on a confidential internal computer system and will not be shared with other partner agencies. Pathways to Independence Data Protection policies and Privacy notices are available upon request in line with GDPR policy. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |